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This is CALPEEK's last issue for 1990. We are taking the next few weeks off to recoup for 1991. Here's wishing all CALPEEK subscribers & readers a very happy and joyous holiday season and a prosperous 1991. CALPEEK's first issue next year will be dated Jan. 7, 1991 (Vol. XIII, #1)...



Editor's note: We're going to have some fun with this last issue of CALPEEK. Many thanks to the dozen or so CALPEEK sources who helped with these 3 columns. Now sit back and enjoy, scream or weep...

CALPEEK's WHO'S HOT & WHO'S NOT

- BIGGEST POLITICAL LOSER OF 1990 - Outgoing Demo Atty. General John Van de Kamp, who lost the Demo primary for governor and 3 initiatives in the fall...

- 2nd BIGGEST LOSER OF 1990 - The Tree Huggers - Sierra Club, PCL, League of Conservation Voters, etc...

- GOING OUT WITH A BANG - L.A. Co. Sup. Pete Schabarum, the curmudgeon of Temple Street, who spearheaded the drive for Prop. 140 - term limits. He's still hot...

- CONTINUING FALLING STARS - L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley and U.S. Sen. Alan Cranston...

- CONTINUING RISING STAR - U.S. Rep. Vic Fazio(D-Sacto), new chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee(DCCC)...

- KEEP YOUR EYES ON - Former San Diego Mayor Roger Hedgecock; and new Assembly members Xavier Becerra(D-East L.A.), Jim Brulte(R-Ontario) and Tom Umberg(D-Orange County); new San Jose Mayor Susan Hammer...

- FRESHMAN LEGISLATOR OF 1990 - Assemblyman Ted Lempert(D-Menlo Park)...

- NOWHERE TO GO - Sec. of State March Fong Eu; Sacto Mayor Anne Rudin; Assemblyman Tom Hayden(D-Santa Monica); and S.F. DA Arlo Smith...

- LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO GO - U.S. Reps. Barbara Boxer(D-S.F.), Bob Matsui(D-Sacto) and Bob Dornan(R-Orange Co.); Dianne Feinstein; State Controller Gray Davis; CDP Chair Jerry Brown; TV & radio commentator Bruce Herschensohn; L.A. Councilmembers Zev Yaroslavsky and Gloria Molina; State Senators Art Torres, Charles Calderon, Quentin Kopp and Barry Keene; and about 80 members of the State Assembly...

- CAREERS ON TEMPORARY HOLD - GOP Senate Leader Ken Maddy; L.A. DA Ira Reiner; ex San Jose Mayor Tom McEnery...

- WISHING IT WERE ALREADY 1992 - S.F. Mayor Art Agnos, who faces reelection in 1991...

- CRIME & PUNISHMENT - Indicted in 1989 and convicted in 1990 - former State Sen. Joe Montoya(D-El Monte); and indicted and convicted in 1990, BOE member Paul Carpenter(D)...

POLITICAL PREDICTIONS

- BUDGET SHORTFALL & TAXES - Because of CA's projected budget deficit, with estimates now running from \$5-6 billion, the odds of a TAX INCREASE for Calif. are rated better than 70-30 by many CALPEEK sources. What kind of tax increase? Some sources are predicting a temporary 1-2 cent hike in the sales tax, combined with an increase in the alcohol tax. For each 1 cent rise in

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sales tax, State revenue will jump by about \$3 billion...

- SENATE APPOINTMENT - Some sources are predicting an early X-Mas gift for a Republican: being named the appointee to Pete Wilson's unexpired term in the U.S. Senate. Most CALPEEK sources believe the short list has been narrowed to 3 relatively unknown Congressmen - Tom Campbell, David Dreier & Jerry Lewis; U.S. Trade Amb. Carla Hills; and maybe Orange Co. Sup. Gaddi Vasquez...

- MORE SENATE PREDICTIONS - Some CALPEEK sources say U.S. Rep. Mel Levine(D-L.A.) may be having second thoughts about running for the U.S. Senate in 1992. If that's true, look for L.A. Councilman Zev Yaroslavsky to begin exploring...

- TERM LIMITS - There will be a legal challenge to the new law (Prop. 140) before summer. Legal opinion is mixed, however, on the outcome of such a challenge...

- FBI STING, MORE TO COME - Federal prosecution for political corruption in Calif. will continue, as the U.S. Atty. WILL file more criminal charges stemming from the FBI Sting operation of 1988. Remaining in the SWEAT position are State Senator Alan Robbins(D-Van Nuys) and Assemblyman Pat Nolan(R-Burbank)...

- MENDING FENCES - Calif. Atty. General-elect Dan Lungren(R) will mend fences with various law enforcement groups by pushing the Calif. Dept. of Justice to enforce existing GUN LAWS already on the books. For those who may have forgotten, while in Congress, Big Dan was on the side of the cops in their battles with the gun lobby...

- S&L CRISIS CONTINUES - The S&L crisis will continue to make frontpage headlines and more S&Ls will go under - but not because of continuing poor management practices. That's been halted. Instead, blame the current economic slump, combined with a glut of commercial real estate (empty shopping centers & office buildings)...

- CROWDED FIELD IN 1993 - Although the L.A. Mayor's race is still a long ways off, CALPEEK sources are predicting a field of perhaps 5-9 very serious contenders. Will Mayor Tom Bradley be among the contenders? CALPEEK sources tend to doubt it...

- GARAMENDI'S FUTURE - Calif.'s 1st elected Insurance Commissioner, John Garamendi, will be under tremendous pressure from many CONSUMER GROUPS to make Prop. 103 into an effective law. CALPEEK sources predict that if he fails to make the insurance companies tow the line, he'll be in serious political trouble, perhaps even facing a recall. On the other hand, if he succeeds, watch out Pete...

- REAPPORTIONMENT - CALPEEK sources predict that when the CA Legislature's new re-mapping plan is drawn up for 1992, it will NOT treat the CA Congressional Delegation with kid gloves. The days of Phil Burton reapportionment are over...

- MOVING DOWN THE POLITICAL LADDER - With terms limits a political fact of life, for now anyway, CALPEEK sources predict more and more State Legislators will be looking at political offices without term limits. As for contested U.S. House primaries, bet the farm that U.S. Rep. Marty Martinez(D-Monterey Park) will come under increasing pressure. And remember, the L.A. Times is looking to hang Martinez out to dry...

CALPEEK's BEST & WORST OF 1990

- BEST CANDIDATE TV SPOT OF 1990 - Dianne Feinstein's 1st TV ad, "The Grabber," which blew Demo AG rival John Van de Kamp out of the water...

- WORST CANDIDATE TV SPOT - DiFi's S&L TV hit against Wilson. A total waste of time & money...

- MOST EFFECTIVE TV AD: INITIATIVE - Dr. Koop's Revenge, NO on Prop. 128...

- BEST LOSING TV AD: INITIATIVE - The camper ad for YES on 130, Forest Forever...

- THE BRUCE GLEASON AWARD - Matt Fong, GOP controller nominee, who like Demo Arlo Smith, had little money and no visible campaign...

- BEST RADIO SPOT - "The Last Rancher" radio ad for new Assemblyman David Knowles (R-Sacto) against Demo Norm Waters. Radio can be effective if done properly...

- BEST TV HIT WITHOUT IMPACT - The TV hit by GOP candidate Joan Flores against incumbent Sec. of State March Fong Eu...

- BEST TV HIT WITH IMPACT - TV spot by GOP Atty. General-elect Dan Lungren. The hit really made Demo Arlo Smith look weak on crime...

- BEST SMOKE & MIRROR JOB OF 1990 - The winners are Lame Duck Duke and the Calif. Legislature for the 1990-91 budget. Everyone knew the fiscal projections were as phony as a three dollar bill...

- WORST POLITICAL SCREW UP OF 1990 - The Calif. Republican Party wins 1st place for its failure to win REAPPORTIONMENT reform with Props. 118/119. A close 2nd goes the Calif. Demo Party for its failure to galvanize Demo voters in November...

- BEST POLITICAL SCAPEGOAT - CDP Chair Jerry Brown, who got left holding the bag for the GOTV screw up...

- BEST FINGER POINTER - CDP Chair Jerry Brown, who is trying to blame everyone but himself for the GOTV screw up...

- WORST POLITICAL TIMING OF 1990 - The decision by Federal Judge Lawrence Carlton to pull the plug on Prop. 73's spending limits for Statewide constitutional candidates with 6 weeks to go before the Nov. 6 election. He should have ruled earlier or waited until after the election...

- BEST NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE AWARD - To L.A.'s Century Cable TV, who probably gave more air time to candidates and issues than the combined TV stations in Calif. (well, maybe in L.A.)...

SPEAKER SPLITS KEY ASSEMBLY F&I COMMITTEE.

Assembly Speaker Willie Brown(D-S.F.), in a rather unusual move, has split the powerful Finance & Insurance Committee into two separate panels, with Assemblyman Steve Peace (D-Chula Vista) being named chair of the Finance Committee and Assemblyman Burt Margolin(D-L.A.) in charge of the Insurance Committee. FYI: just a rumor, but is the Speaker looking for a replacement for Labor Comm. Chair Tom Hayden as punishment for his backing Prop. 131 (soft TERM LIMITS)???

A LOOK AT BOXER'S 6th C.D.: WHO'S RUNNING?
With U.S. Rep. Barbara Boxer(D-S.F.) all but sure to give up her very safe 6th C.D. House seat to run for the U.S. Senate in 1992, the field of potential candidates who would like to replace her is about as long as your arm. Boxer's 6th C.D. takes in a small part of S.F. and runs mostly in the Marin County area, with small hunks of Solano and Sonoma Counties...

...Among those rumored as being interested in the job are S.F. Co. Sup. Angela Alioto; S.F. City Atty. Louise Renne; S.F. School Board member Jo Anne Miller; Marin City Councilman Dick Spotswood; and Al Pross, the savvy PAC director for the CA Medical Assn...

...According to the Bay Guardian, there has been talk that during the 1991 remapping process, Boxer's 6th C.D. could be moved in a northerly direction, thus eliminating the S.F. portion from the new district. This could present problems for Renne and others who rely on S.F. as a voting base. But it doesn't mean they'd have to move north. The law says you don't necessarily have to live in a congressional district in order to run. But it helps, otherwise you can be hit with CARPETBAGGING. Stay tuned...

DID CALPEEK FORGET TO NAME A NEW LAWMAKER??

In last week's issue, CALPEEK listed 11 new lawmakers who were elected in November. But guess what? There were actually 12 new members elected. Who did we forget? Assemblyman David Knowles(R-Sacramento). The snafu occurred when a PRO-CHOICE gremlin invaded CALPEEK's wordprocessor and removed Knowles from the list...

DEMO & GOP HOUSE MEMBERS ELECT LEADERSHIP.

No surprises at all on the Demo side of the aisle where House members reelected Tom Foley(WA) as Speaker; Richard Gephardt(MO) as Majority Leader; Bill Gray(PA) as Majority Whip; David Bonior(MI) as Deputy Whip; Steny Hoyer(D) as Caucus Chair; and Vic Fazio(CA) as Caucus Vice Chair and Chair of the DCCC. Some suspense on the GOP side of the aisle. Bob Michel(IL) was reelected as Minority Leader; Newt Gingrich(GA) as Whip; Jerry Lewis(CA) as Conference Chair; and Guy Vander Jagt(MI) as NRCC Chair...

CA GOP HOUSE DELEGATES DUMP LEWIS & THOMAS.

Even though U.S. Rep. Jerry Lewis(R-River-side) won reelection this past week as GOP Conference Chair, the 19-member Republican House delegation from Calif. voted to name U.S. Rep. Ron Packard of Carlsbad as the leader/chair/head of the delegation. The Calif. House delegation also OUSTED U.S. Rep. Bill Thomas of Bakersfield as Lewis's deputy and divided his duties among incoming freshman John Doolittle, who will coordinate reapportionment; David Dreier, who will coordinate with the NRCC; and Carlos Moorehead and Bob Dornan, who will coordinate House activities with the CRP. Of the two, Thomas was the real target of the discontent within the GOP Calif. delegation...

RECALL AIMED AT COUNCILMAN ALATORRE FAILS.

A recall petition drive against L.A. Councilman Richard Alatorre didn't qualify because backers failed to turn in signatures to the city clerk. CALPEEK sources say the recall organizers fell way short in their drive to oust Alatorre, who is expected to win reelection this April...

UPDATE ON 1st SENATE DISTRICT SPECIAL.

Even though State Sen. John Doolittle(R) has not resigned yet, the GOP lineup for this upcoming special continues to draw interest. Latest potential candidate to surface is Richard Gann, son of the late Paul Gann. Rumor is that he's talking with Huckaby/Rodriguez about running his campaign. El Dorado Co. Sup. Bob Dorr will hire consultant Ray McNally, while Placer Co. Sup. Mike Fluty will ink consultants Tim Macy and Mark Barnes. Stay tuned...

NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook:

- If you're trying to reach CRP communications director Dan Schnur, try him up in Sacto at Wilson's Inaugural HQ (916) 446-5140...
- New address for Richard Lichtenstein's Marathon Communications, 8468 W. 3rd St., Ste. 700, L.A. 90048. New phone is (213) 655-4660...

- Political consultant Darry Sragow has been named COS to new BOE member Brad Sherman...

- New address for George Young & Assoc. 330 Washington Blvd., Ste. 400, Marina del Rey, CA 90292-5141...

- Former S.F. Dep. Mayor Hadley Roff will join The PBN Co. as a VP in January. He is now closing down Dianne Feinstein's gubernatorial operation in S.F...

- William H. Heard Jr. joins L.A. based Cerrell Associates as VP. Heard comes to the firm from O'Neal & Prella PR in Hartford, Conn...

- New address for Herb Williams' Delphi Industries, Inc., 4700 Northgate Blvd., Ste. 110, Sacramento, CA 95834...

- Nancy Yoshihara, business writer on temporary duty with the editorial pages of the L.A. Times, to remain with editorial...

- Marc Litchman, former AA to U.S. Rep. Howard Berman(D-L.A.), has set up his own PA/campaign mgt. company at 4900 Hazeltine, Sherman Oaks, CA 91423; (818)995-7016...

- Larry Tenney has been promoted to VP at Nelson/Ralston/Robb Communications in Orange Co. Prior to joining NRR in 1986, he was an aide to Pete Wilson...

- Michael W. Sweet replaces Kathryn Canlis as exec. director of the CA Dist. Attorneys Assn.(CDAA) in mid-December...

NO SURPRISES IN FILING FOR L.A. COUNTY SUP.

There were no last minutes surprises when the filing deadline came and went last week for the new, open 1st Supervisorial Dist. in L.A. County. The field still includes four serious contenders - State Senators Art Torres and Charles Calderon, L.A. Councilwoman Gloria Molina, and Sarah Flores, an ex-aide to retiring County Supervisor Pete Schabarum. Others in the contest include Joe Chavez, a computer analyst; Louis Anthony Chitty III, an educator; Khalil Khalil, a county engineer; Jim Mihalka, a paramedic; and Gonzalo Molina, a perennial candidate for supervisor. The election is Jan. 22...

